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Reflecting on the best reads of last year

LEISURE READING is something I have always done. Studies indicate that reading cultivates empathy. I have to agree as through reading I can put myself in someone else's shoes and gain some understanding of the challenges they are facing. I also learn a great deal about history from all over the world by reading, often knowing what happened in the area in the past can very much inform what is happening now. A good example of this is trying to gain an understanding of the intergenerational trauma experienced by Canada's Indigenous people through colonialism. Whether you are reading fiction or non-fiction much understanding about the world around us can be gained.

BESSIE SULLIVAN
BESSIE'S BOOKS

I had some personal challenges last year and I had forgotten that I usually write about my top reads from the year before. I was reminded about it by someone who has read about my selections in the past. So here we are a quarter of the way into 2019 and here are my top picks for 2018. I feel just as strongly about these choices now as I did in January when I was reviewing what I had read over the past year.

My top three reads were by authors from three different countries on three very different subjects, the stories spanned history from the 1660s to present day. What stuck with me about all of them were the underlying themes of resiliency, compassion, and humanity.

In no particular order the three are as follows:

Set in London of the 1660s and of the early 21st century, *The Weight of Ink* by American Rachel Kaddish is the interwoven tale of two women of remarkable intellect: Ester Velasquez, an emigrant from Amsterdam who is permitted to scribe for a blind rabbi, just before the plague hits the city; and Helen Watt, an ailing historian with a love of Jewish history. *The Weight of Ink* is a sophisticated work of historical fiction about women separated by centuries, and the choices and sacrifices they must make in order to reconcile the life of the heart and mind. In both cases the women needed help to complete their missions and in both cases the help came from surprising sources. This book, like its title, is weighty at 567 pages.

In *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* by New Zealander Heather Morris, Lale Sokolov, a Slovakian Jew, is forcibly transported to the concentration camps at Auschwitz-Birkenau. It is April of 1942 and when his captors discover that he speaks several languages, he is put to work as a Tätowierer (the German word for tattooist), tasked with permanently marking his fellow prisoners. A vivid, harrowing, and ultimately hopeful re-creation of Lale Sokolov's experiences as the man who tattooed the arms of thousands of prisoners with what would become one of the most potent symbols of the Holocaust, *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* is also a testament to the endurance of love and humanity under the darkest possible conditions. Some readers have felt that the book read more like a screenplay, but as it turns out this was the writer's first novel and she is indeed a screenwriter.

And finally in Eleanor Oliphant is *Completely Fine* by Irish writer Gail Honeyman, Eleanor struggles with appropriate social skills and tends to say exactly what she's thinking. Nothing is missing in her carefully timetabled life of avoiding social interactions, where weekends are punctuated by frozen pizza, vodka, and phone chats with Mummy. But everything changes when Eleanor meets Raymond, the bumbling and deeply unhygienic IT guy from her office. When she and Raymond together save Sammy, an elderly gentleman who has fallen on the sidewalk, the three become the kinds of friends who rescue one another from the lives of isolation they have each been living. It is Raymond's big heart that will ultimately help Eleanor find the way to repair her own profoundly damaged one. This was Gail Honeyman's first novel. Reese Witherspoon, who featured this novel in her book club has also optioned the right to a movie.

Liking a book is subjective and depends on a number of variables that could possibly change from moment to moment. Your frame of mind when reading a book, as well as the emotional state you might be in all have impact on how much you will like it. Some people are seeking well written prose and some people don't care what the writing is like as long as there are good characters or a driving plot. Some people want all of these things.

I like a good story and interesting characters. All of the books mentioned have that. They can also all be borrowed from the Haliburton County Public Library in hardcopy, e-book, or e-audiobook format. Visit, call, or go online to reserve these and other books.

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Pinestone to honour Murray Fearrey at Community Builders Awards evening

On May 10, Pinestone Resort will honour Murray Fearrey for his 40 years of service to the community as part of the first annual Pinestone Resort Community Builder Awards night. While Fearrey's award will highlight the evening, the event will also recognize the past contributions of various individuals and organizations that have helped to shape and build the Haliburton Highlands community we live in today.

Pinestone general manager John Teljeur said: "We wanted to give the community a chance to recognize people who have given a lot to this community in the past though their names may not be in the headlines now or sadly, may no longer be with us. It's a chance to revisit and learn about our history and recognize valuable contributions."

Nominations for the Community Builder awards will open later in March and the public is encouraged to participate in not only making nominations but also on helping to decide the winners. Nominators will also have a chance to win dinner for two at the gala to share in the festivities with the person or organization they nominated. Recipients of the Community Builder Award will be notified in advance to give them the chance to share the evening with friends and family as guests of Pinestone Resort. Recipients will also have their plaque displayed at the resort to showcase their contributions.

Candidates for nominations will have demonstrated significant contributions to the Haliburton Highlands from the year that Pinestone was open in 1976 to present day.

Proceeds from the dinner event will be donated to the high school student's bursary program to support future community builders. The resort plans to make this an annual event to continue to highlight achievements of those that made our county what it is today.

The awards program will kick off the first annual Pinestone staff reunion weekend in which we offer a variety of entertainment and fun activities for past employees of the resort.

Submitted by Pinestone

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Artists in the School program expands to youth hub

If you or your child has gone to an elementary school in Haliburton County over the last 15 years, it's likely you have a ceramic animal on your shelf. Since 2004 the Artists in the School program has presented the inspiring world of dance, drama, music and visual arts to local schools in Haliburton County.

Professional artists continue to bring their knowledge and expertise into the classroom, immersing children and teachers in engaging hands-on experiences. Since its inception, hundreds of children have participated in some type of Artists in the School programming that targets children from kindergarten to Grade 8. Because programming is delivered during the school day, barriers that would normally prohibit young people from participating such as financial cost and transportation are eliminated. And now thanks to a new partnership older youth will have the opportunity to engage with local artists.

Recently the Arts Council Haliburton Highlands that oversees the Artists in the School Program has expanded their name to The Artists in the School & Community Program. The same extensive programming will continue in the schools but additional programming is being offered at the Haliburton Youth Wellness Hub located at 12 Dysart Avenue in the Village of Haliburton.

"Engaging youth in the arts is another avenue for building resiliency and self-confidence," says Marg Cox, executive director of Point in Time.

Currently two after-school programs are scheduled this spring. In April, local ceramic artist Lisa Barry will be offering a four-part hand building course on Wednesdays between 4 and 6 p.m. And in May, musician Nick Russell of Haliburton Guitar Studio will be teaching a four-part music mixing and recording course. All programming is free but space is limited. To sign up email haliburtonhub@pointintime.ca or call Point in Time at 705-457-5345.

"Artists in the School has been such a successful and stellar platform for introducing young people to artists and art-making, expanding the program is a natural progression," says Charlene McConnell co-ordinator of the Artists in the School & Community Program.

A fundraising concert for the Artists in the School & Community Program is scheduled Friday, May 3 at the Youth Wellness Hub at 7 p.m. and will feature local young musicians, including Jim Jones' Bones which is comprised of Seamus Lynch, Lane Brohm and Braeden Sharp. The pay-what-you-can fundraiser will also showcase Sam Olliffe, and Kelsey Young (the Youth Hub's multi-talented RNP) and more local talent yet to be confirmed. Plans also include a silent auction of youth-created visual art.

While many of the program services provided at the Hali County Youth Hub will be activity or arts-based, a key tenet of the Youth Wellness Hubs Ontario initiative is the seamless and coordinated, "one-stop-shop" approach to accessing mental health, addictions, and primary care services.

Stephanie MacLaren, VP, Haliburton Highlands Health Services Community Programs explains "Throughout our engagement and implementation processes we have heard from youth as to what is important to them when accessing services. We repeatedly heard that open and inclusive, non-stigmatizing, easy, and immediate access to services is crucial to the success of the Hub."

"And," MacLaren adds, "not having to tell their story over and over again – knowing that service providers involved in their care are on the same page ranked high in the vision of the ideal experience at the Hub."

Service providers who will be offering these services are coming together to explore how to make this happen for the youth of our community. Cox explains "Working with differing program mandates, funding requirements, metrics, and reporting structures - multiple service providers are beginning the hard work of figuring out what they have to do to actualize this reality. We are confident that we will find a way – guided by the vision and voices of our youth – and begin this process in March so that we have a good handle on things when the doors officially open for services."

"We are really pleased with the partnership with the Artists in the School & Community Program, to be able to offer arts-based, skill-building opportunities for youth county-wide," she said.

Submitted by Erin Lynch and Hali County Youth Hub

The Hali County Youth Hub is located at 12 Dysart Ave. in Haliburton. Recently, the Arts Council Haliburton Highlands expanded its Artists in the School program to include programming at the youth hub. /Photo submitted

Ceramic artist Lisa Barry will be offering a four-part hand building course on Wednesdays after school in April.

Ancestry Roadshow helps research family history

DARREN LUM
County Life Staff

Lit by the faint blue light of the projection screen, showing names from a time forgotten, Gayle Kitchener looks with interest at one corresponding to her grandfather on her father's side.

With just a name and a place of birth, Kitchener came to the Haliburton Highlands Museum to shine a light on a branch of her family tree with the help of Adele Espina at the Ancestry Roadshow organized by the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group and the museum.

Espina, who is the vice-chair for the genealogy group, told Kitchener these kind of searches are like a human jigsaw puzzle. It's important that people start with what they know, whether that is one name, a place of birth or date of birth. The more specific the better.

She was happy to help and said this is what her genealogy group is about.

"We were happy to participate in the Ancestry Roadshow at the Haliburton Highlands Museum as these kinds of activities are part of our mandate as an all-volunteer group," she said.

The Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group started in 1990 as a response to the Ontario Genealogy Society's effort to prepare a single province-wide index of information recorded on all cemetery headstones in Ontario. During the process of research gathering, the group interested in local family history and genealogy was born.

The genealogy group is offering a new series of free instructional workshops each month on how to research family history at the Haliburton County Public Library branches in Minden and Haliburton.

Afternoons with Ancestors is open to everyone and will be held the first and third Tuesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. in Haliburton and then the second and fourth Tuesdays in Minden.

Espina's instruction will be on how to use the free library access to Ancestry.com and other related resources for genealogical research.

She said the genealogy group welcomes the public to its five meetings held each year, featuring a guest speaker. The group publishes a quarterly newsletter and has a genealogy resource room in the Minden library branch.

Espina hopes this event at the museum is not the last.

"The Haliburton Highlands Museum and the Haliburton County Genealogy Group hope to do more family history programming in the future, focusing on including the whole family in the process of discovering their forebearers," she said.

The museum's director Kate Butler said people often come to learn about family history and try to connect the dots.

The event supports the museum's mandate to educate.

"It really dovetails with a lot of the work that we do here helping researchers and we know everyone that is involved with the genealogy group is a really passionate researcher as well. It just seemed like a perfect way to bring the two groups together and we can work toward a common cause and help all the people that want to do the family research. It's a hot topic for people," she said. "It has been for several years now, but there have been so many people who want to find out about their family history: Where they come from and what those stories are in their own history. We all feel it shapes who we are today. We all love those unusual stories about someone from our family who might have been a bit of a character."

Gayle Kitchener came to Adele Espina to learn more about her father's family during the Ancestry Roadshow on Sunday, March 10 at the Haliburton Highlands Museum in Haliburton. The event invited the public to learn how to find information on family and loved ones. It was a partnership between the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group and Haliburton Highlands Museum. /DARREN LUM Staff

She has connected the various individuals in a variety of ways for family history research, whether it was helping them themselves, or with other museums, or with the genealogy group.

"It's all about celebrating our community's history ... people who come to us to do research are also contributing to our stock of knowledge. It goes both ways. We can help them and they can help us and that better fills out the story of our community's history, which is our mandate to preserve and to celebrate," she said.

An annual membership with the genealogy group is $12 and includes regular issues of Original Roots magazine as well as unlimited queries related to surnames.

Anyone interested in joining or learning more about the group can look at www.hhgg.ca.

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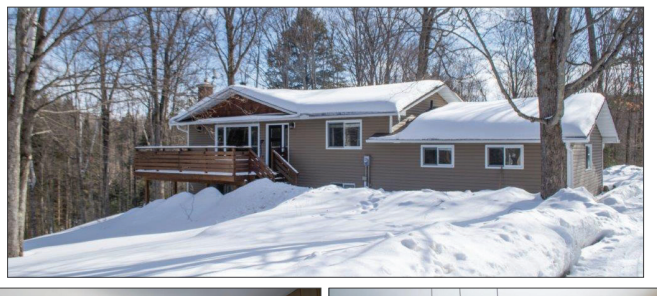

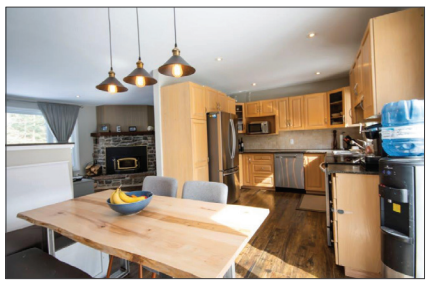

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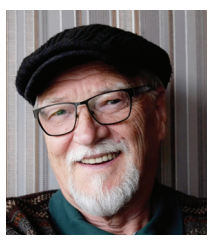
Walker's portraits on display at the Homemade Stew concert

LOCAL ARTIST Harvey Walker is best known for his landscapes, but last fall he took a portrait course at the Haliburton School of Art + Design, which was taught by Matt Mancini. Walker soon realized that the only way to improve his own portraits was to practice. He's a prolific artist, so he set himself a personal challenge of painting one portrait a week.



GEORGE FARRELL
On Arts/Culture

He decided to concentrate the bulk of his portraits on local artists, musicians and well-known personalities. One of the primary motivators for his portraits was Essonvilleapalooza, the annual concert in the woods hosted by singer/songwriter Albert Saxby. At that event he took photos of performers such as Dave Fougere, Cassidy Glecoff, Hugh Taylor, Saxby and yours truly. He worked from the photos in his studio, and it wasn't long after the Essonville event that Walker started weekly postings of his images on social media.

"I picked musicians and artists because I wanted to capture the essence and passion of performance," Walker said when I interviewed him recently.

After initially using various colours in his portraits Walker decided to go monochromatic. "I believe that sometimes less is more," he said. "So I decided to go monochromatic, using one colour and the white of the canvas. It was a trial and error process, but I think I've made it work."

Judging by the positive responses to his Facebook postings of artists, musicians, and personalities such as Jack Brezina and Barrie Martin, I'd have to agree with him.

Inspiration for some of his oil paintings came from photos Walker had previously taken at events such as the Folk Society's Open Stage and last year's Homemade Stew concert, which is an annual event, presented by the Haliburton County Folk Society, that features local musical talent. Thinking back on that concert Walker thought that it would be a great idea to display his paintings at this year's Homemade Stew.

"I wanted to give people the opportunity to see them and take them home," Walker said of his portraits. "I suggested to the Folk Society that 20 per cent of sales could go to the Arts Council and another 20 per cent to the Folk Society." The Folk Society also thought it was a great idea, so now Walker is set to display "A Community of Music in Portraits," with 30 to 35 paintings gracing the lobby walls of the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion.

Each portrait is priced at a very affordable $100, and can be paid for by cash, cheque or credit card. The Homemade Stew concert takes place at Northern Lights in Haliburton, from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. on the evening of April 6. The MC is Mike Jaycock. This year's line-up of talent can be found at haliburtonfolk.ca. You can also get your online tickets there. They can also be obtained at Halco Electronics/The Source in Haliburton and at On The Spot Variety in Minden. The event sold out last year, so it's best to get your tickets early.

Top 10 things a dog would never say

THERE ARE plenty of times I wish my dog could talk. This would make the way we communicate and our companionship even better. But, while this would be good, I also think about all the things my dog would never say. Here are the top 10.

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

1. Why yes, this is your slipper.
2. Sure, I'll share the couch with you.
3. Aren't cats marvelous?
4. No thanks, I'm full.
5. Honestly, fetch is highly over-rated.
6. You know, I think I'm going to use my indoor voice from now on.
7. I hope you don't mind; I helped myself to some of that cake.
8. A little privacy, please.
9. I'll just shake the water off my coat over here, away from all the white furniture.
10. I support a squirrel's right to live without fear.

Layers

Ice blisters bursting beneath my feet, earth thirsting for the thaw.
Fissures birthing rivers that flood the path, as I wade through the water,
listening to the cracks fracture the quiet of morning.
Wind scouring Air, sunlight polishing the wings of crows flapping past,
glossy and black as the River I reach,
pausing on its bank to listen to it flow,
watch the strands of water curl around the rocks,
grinning at the hiccups of white froth that gurgle below me.
I marvel at how it never grows old, never stops flowing,
as I meander my way back up towards the road,
wondering about the hour that Wind swept away,
while earth slept beneath its sheath of Snow.
Did the trees feel the rumbling in their roots, did Air tremble,
did the River's current quicken its flow,
trying to capture the missing hour as Night snatched it away?
I yawn as I walk, feeling the lost hour in my bones and Breath,
Wind nudging me forward, towards the tree that shelters the chickadees,
their chorus invigorating me,
as I stop on the road to listen to the chirps puncture
Air like tiny heartbeats.
A knocking, somewhere, in the trees, drowning the sound of the chickadees.
My eyes skitter from limb to branch, roam from tree to tree,
patches of blue blazing through the spaces where leaves will sway,
as I search for the source of the sound.
There it is, the woodpecker's feathers blending in with the branch,
its beak pecking away at the bark, for its breakfast of worms or grubs.
I watch its head bob back and forth,
listening to the steady rhythm of its pecking,
stray chickadee chirps slipping into the spaces between pecks.
The caws of crows, erupting, somewhere, beyond the road,
swelling the Air with layers of sound,
slicing the silence of Winter to shreds, drenching my thirsty ears,
as I crane my neck up towards Sky,
where the lost hour has been hiding in plain sight,
returning as a wash of light,
priming the earth for Spring.

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Rural Rogues stages readings

JENN WATT
County Life Editor

On Friday, March 15 and Saturday, March 16, local thespians came together at the Haliburton Highlands Museum to do staged readings of four plays in progress through Rural Rogues.

Rural Rogues is a group started in 2016 that works on building community capacity to stage locally written plays, using local cast and crew. Plays reflect the culture, history and/or landscape of the Haliburton Highlands.

The plays – "The Pearly Gates" by Oliver Zielke and "This Is Our Home" by Sue Vorvis on Friday, and "The Art Of Immigration" by Fay Martin and "A Woman Has To Be Able To Look After Herself" by Kate Butler on Saturday – told a variety of stories from conflict in the cottaging experience to two women carrying out a murder in the 1930s.

Members of the audience were encouraged to weigh in on the scripts so far, asked to provide feedback on the plot and dialogue and suggestions for setting.

Workshop instructor and director Michael Clipperton said Rural Rogues is holding a director's workshop four Wednesdays in April from 7 to 10 p.m. starting April 3. The workshops end with a performance. Cost to participate is $100.

This summer, the plays being written now will be performed on the museum grounds in July. And in September, the next playwrights workshop will be held: a six-week commitment where participants write one scene.

For more information, contact Kate Butler at kbutler@haliburtonhighlandsmuseum.com.

From left, Victoria Bingham, Amy Brohm, and Rita Jackson act out a scene of Kate Butler's play about the life and deeds of Eva Coo, who grew up in Haliburton and moved to New York State. Coo was convicted of murder in 1935. Bingham played Martha, who worked at Coo's roadhouse and assisted in killing handiman Harry. Brohm played Coo. Jackson played Mrs. Wright, mother of Harry, who was conned into leaving Harry in the trust of Coo. /JENN WATT Staff

Paul Vorvis and Amy Brohm act out a scene from Kate Butler's play, "A Woman Has To Be Able To Look After Herself," part of the staged readings for Rural Rogues. Rural Rogues focuses on increasing community capacity to produce its own theatrical stories by offering workshops for new playwrights and directors. In Butler's play, Brohm played Eva Coo and Vorvis played Interrogator 1. Coo was a real person who grew up in Haliburton. She was convicted of murder in New York State and sentenced to death. She was electrocuted in 1935 at Sing Sing Prison. /JENN WATT Staff

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Thunk - A Late Night Encounter

The deserted country road was a ribbon of ice and sand flanked by snow laden trees. The sky full of midnight blue clouds and nary a star. I was driving home and thought I saw a scrunched up brown paper bag in the centre of the road. I slowed my car and swung wide. I heard a small sound on my door as I skirted the brown bag.

Curious and alarmed I drove a short distance and turned my car around so I could investigate this object in my headlights' beam. I was shocked and dismayed to see a small reddish-brown owl. I gingerly reached out and cautiously picked the owl up in my gloved hands. As I turned him toward the light, I could see his eye was damaged. The owl was stunned and didn't struggle.

I remembered some clean rags and the small box I had in the back of my car so I set the precious wee owl down and fetched them. I scrunched up some of the cloths and gingerly set him in the makeshift nest. Covering the box with another cloth I gently put it in my car and drove home to Fenelon Falls.

While setting the box on the workbench in the garage I peeked in to see if the owl was still alive and I put a small container of water beside him. I was glad to have the garage to protect the owl from predators while he was so defenceless.

Then I sat at my computer frantically searching for a wildlife sanctuary, it was already Sunday morning now. I emailed everyone I could think of to ask if they knew of a place where I could get help for this little fellow who I had decided to call "Thunk" because that was the small sound I heard as I drove past him.

I had to leave very early the next morning to teach a full day of art classes in Vaughan. I packed my art supplies and the box with Thunk inside and set off stopping periodically to see how my new charge was faring.

I told my art students about my late-night adventure and they asked me to bring Thunk into the classroom but I told them I didn't want to distress him. I promised to bring pictures to show them the following week.

On my journey home I stopped and purchased some ground chicken and put a tiny bit in the box beside the water. I reasoned that owls prey on small animals and chicken might tempt Thunk to take a nibble. I was getting more concerned by the minute.

When I got home, I had emails wishing me and the little owl well and eureka! The address of a wildlife centre just north of Haliburton!

I called my sister Lee to tell her about Thunk and my quest. I drove my wee passenger to Eagle Lake, met Lee and we made our way to the Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary near Carnarvon.

I cautiously carried Thunk's box from my car to the wildlife centre where Lee knocked and Monika opened the door immediately reaching for the box.

Monika deftly lifted Thunk in her gloved hands. She told us Thunk was an eastern screech owl. He was too dehydrated and injured to struggle as Monika turned him about stretching and examining his wings and legs and eyes. I snapped photographs after making certain my camera's flash was turned off.

With great care Monika put Thunk in an animal carrier and covered it with a towel so the very frightened owl could rest. She turned to tell us about some of the many animals she and her volunteers at the centre rescue, rehabilitate and release each year.

When I returned home, Monika kept me updated on Thunk's progress. She gave him fluid intravenously because he was severely dehydrated. I learned owls don't drink water. The moisture they require comes from the meat they eat.

The first video Monika sent showed Thunk was eating and feeling much stronger. Volunteers took him to a veterinarian to have his wing mended.

Thunk will never be released into the wild again because his injured eye, which nature will heal, will remain sightless.

Monika told me of a wildlife centre in Niagara Falls where volunteers will take Thunk once he recovers from his injuries. Many children visit the sanctuary each year and Thunk will help them learn about eastern screech owls.

It is truly heartening that so many people put so much time, energy and resources into helping these wild creatures at risk.

RoseMarie Condon is a member of the Algonquin Highlands Writers' Circle, see https://ahwriterscircleblog.wordpress.com.

The Light

As the winter persists we put our focus on the flashes of golden sunlight resting on ridges of snow between the shadows of the barren trees. As Leonard Cohen said, it's through the cracks, the light gets in.

A simple act of kindness or consideration. A friend calls, or drops by or asks to meet, caring you are here. A family member calls, sends you a note, drops in, caring you are here. Each person carries their own light into your life.

When many friends, acquaintances, like-minded people, gather, the glow of the spectrum of light of many colours rises to a volume that awakens all senses.

When a person is sick and in need of a little help, another will go to them and warm their world, bringing in light. A call, a visit, a ride home from the hospital, a warm bowl of soup, it's all light, shining in between the cracks. We focus on the light so we can also be the light that warms the earth, warms the heart, providing hope, providing strength.

No one wants to be the shadows or the cracks. We are all energy, here to be the light. It is the light creating warmth that will bring the buds of life back on the trees, which are resting in the shadows of winter.

Laura Mount is a member of the Algonquin Highlands Writers' Circle, see https://ahwriterscircleblog.wordpress.com.

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The Redpolls

Now that March has arrived I find myself watching intently for signs of spring.

I feed the birds for their sustenance and for my entertainment. One of our winter residents is the common redpoll. They are a type of finch with a red bordering on rust cap set a little forward on their heads. The cap is so close to the bill one wonders what holds it on. From the back of their little bodies they look like a winter gold finch. No gold just the barred brown, white and black pattern of any of the finches.

Enter the longer days of March and slowly this little, flocking, seed eater starts to get rosy highlights on his chest. The female does not change her garb. The drab grey and white pudgy breast of the male gets just a hint more pink daily. As spring approaches the roses colour intensifies on their bodies until someday in late March or early April the flock of 20 or 30 tiny birds decides all at once to head for the arctic tundra where they will nest in the mosses and lichens producing a contingent of chicks who will be sporting red caps before they fly back to the relative warmth of the land between. There twice a day I will fill the feeder with niger seed and keep a dish of water warm so that they can drink.

In Haliburton there is no point in looking for robins or grosbeaks until the day that the redpolls leave and winter's reign is ended.

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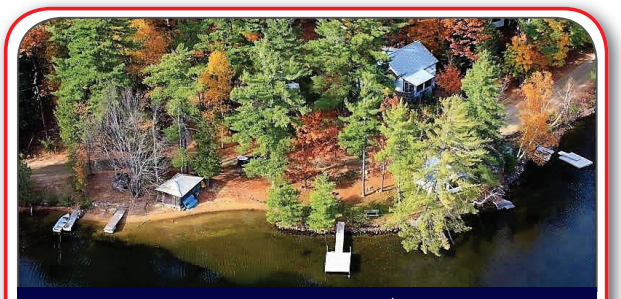

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Event puts 'fat-bikes' on slopes

You are invited to join the fun at Sir Sam's Ski/Ride on March 30 for Slush Fest. This event is guaranteed to provide a unique cycling experience. For one day only the entire facility will become a fat bike playground. The covered surface lift will transport riders and their bikes to the summit. From there they can challenge their friends to a rip down the FIS Cross Track, ride head to head on the dual slalom course, revel in the scenic vistas of Eagle Lake from the 4 km XC trail or test their skills on one of the technical singletrack descents. Sir Sam's has a spectacular patio if you'd like to spectate or just enjoy the food and beverage service or live entertainment.

No other cycling event offers lift access to snow trails for fat bikes.

Cost: $40 in advance or $50 at the door

Rental bikes: Salsa Fat Bikes courtesy of Algonquin Outfitters, $25 full day or $15 for two hours. Rental bikes are limited so please reserve ahead of time.

There will be a Fat Bike boutique with a variety of clothing, accessories and bikes.

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Grief groups provide support through dark days

Holidays can be especially difficult for those experiencing grief. As we approach the Easter weekend, Haliburton Highlands Health Services is reminding residents of two grief support groups that meet each month in the county.

The first Wednesday of every month, a group meets at the Hyland Crest auditorium in the Minden hospital from 1 to 3 p.m.

The second Wednesday of every month, a group meets at the Ruth Parkes Room in the Haliburton hospital from 1 to 3 p.m.

The groups, which are organized through Community Support Services of HHHS, offers emotional support in a safe and non-judgmental environment. They offer information about resources available to help you with things like completing paperwork, managing your budget, conducting security checks, home maintenance and home help.

The groups teach coping skills and provide hope through fellowship with other people who have been through a similar situation.

Participants are assured that they have permission to grieve and to live a happy, productive life, creating a new normal, while honouring the past.

"I feel the support I received helped me through some of the darkest days of my life," one support group participant said.

For more information about resources and services, contact 705-457-2941, extension 2932 or email infocc@hhhs.ca.

Learn to Direct for the Stage this Spring with Rural Rogues Productions!

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Lenten Lunch
When: April 3
Where: Our Lady of the Fatima Catholic Church, Minden
Service at 12 noon, followed by soup lunch. By donation

Lindsay Train Show
When: April 6 and 7, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Where: Victoria Park Armoury
Presented by the Lindsay & District Model Railroaders. Visit: lindsaytrainshow.ca

Spaghetti Dinner
When: Saturday, April 6, seating available 5 p.m. or 6:30 p.m.
Where: Lochlin Community Centre, 4713 Gelert Rd.
Spaghetti with homemade meat sauce served with Caesar salad, fresh rolls and a variety of desserts. Adults $15, children 12 and under $8, children five and under free.
For reservations, call Nancy: 705-286-3339

Lenten Lunch
When: April 10
Where: St. Paul's Anglican Church
Service at noon, followed by soup lunch. By donation

Lunch and Learn: Sandra Dupret
When: Wednesday, April 10, 12 p.m. lunch, 1 p.m. presentation
Where: Zion United Church, Carnarvon
An event of Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library. Come hear Sandra Dupret, dean/principal of Haliburton School of Art + Design, speak. Cost is $20 (cash or cheque). For tickets, call Sue Sisson at 705-286-2000

Haliburton: Sexual Health Clinic
When: Wednesday, April 10, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 2205.

The Royal Canadian Legion, Haliburton presents Jeff Moulton
When: Saturday, April 13, 3 to 6 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion, Clubroom
Cost: $5 cover charge for non-members
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Country Music Jamboree
When: April 14, 1 to 5 p.m.
Where: Coboconk Legion
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Recurring Events

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Ladies Auxiliary Sunday Breakfast
When: Every second Sunday of the month
Where: Haliburton Legion, Main Hall,
9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Cost: $6
Menu: Eggs of pancakes, bacon or sausage, hash browns, toast, orange juice, tea/coffee

Line Dancing
When: Thursday mornings, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Where: Stanhope Firefighters' Community Hall
What: Enjoy exercising body and soul with weekly line dancing. Great physical activity for all levels of dancers. Beginners welcome.
Contact: Jacqui at Clancelinedance@gmail.com

Morning Glories Fitness
Where: Upstairs, A.J. LaRue Arena, Haliburton
When: Tuesday and Friday mornings, 8:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m.
Ladies fitness group for all levels
Contact: Jane 705-754-9996

Community Drum Circle
Wednesdays 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre Patio, 23 York St.
Join the community Drum Circle. Instruments available. Beginners welcome. Family-friendly. Each week a volunteer will facilitate the Circle. By donation in support of Haliburton DrumFest

Pickleball
When: Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9:30 p.m.
Where: Haliburton High School Gym.
Cost is $2 and rackets are provided. Bring clean indoor shoes.
Contact Jennifer Coates 705-749-3787 for further info.

Pickleball
When: Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Where: S.G. Nesbitt Community Centre, Minden
Racquets are provided so all you need are clean indoor shoes. Cost is $2
Contact: Elisha Weiss, Community Development Coordinator, 705-286-2298 or eweiss@mindenhills.ca

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Where: Hyland Crest (north entrance, follow signs inside building), 6 MacPherson, Minden
Details: For relatives and friends of problem drinkers. For more information call 1-888-425-2666

Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild

When: Second Wednesday of every month from 1 to 4 p.m.
Where: Stanhope Community Centre, 1095 North Shore Rd., Algonquin Highlands
Details: Meeting includes speakers holding trunk shows of their work, often covering new and interesting quilt and sewing techniques. Our group consists of quilters at all levels, who enjoy sharing and learning from each other. Check out our Facebook page or our web site: Facebook.com/haliburtonquilts or www.haliburtonhighlandsquiltguild.com
Contact: Connie Walker 905-439-5943 or haliburtonquilts@gmail.com

Haliburton Highlands Weaving and Spinning Guild Open Studios

Time: Every Tuesday from 1 to 3 p.m.
Place: Haliburton Veterinary Services Building – Back Entrance
No experience needed.
Contact: Pat @ 705-286-6042 or andreacoysh@gmail.com

Dorset Craft Connections Group

When: Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.
$1 per person

Haliburton Region Shout Sister! Choir

When: Practices are held Thursday nights from 7 to 9 p.m.
Where: Haliburton United Church, Fellowship Room, 10 George St., Haliburton.
Details: Directed by Laurel McCauley, Welcoming new members. We do not audition and learn our music by ear. All levels of singers are welcome. We sing a fun variety of music from pop and folk to Motown.

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For more information contact: Wilma at 705-457-5829 or email peterborough@taoist.org
Schedule of classes also at taoist.org/peterborough

Table Tennis

When: Monday and Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Where: S.G. Nesbitt Community Centre, Minden
Cost is $3
Contact: Elisha Weiss, Community Development Coordinator, 705-286-2298 or eweiss@mindenhills.ca

Bid Euchre

When: Thursday, and every third Sunday, afternoons from 1 to 4 p.m.
Where: S.G. Nesbitt Community Centre, Minden
Cost is $3 on Thursdays and $8 on Sundays
Contact: Elisha Weiss, Community Development Coordinator, 705-286-2298 or eweiss@mindenhills.ca.

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Legion Events

Branch 636 Minden

Monday – Thursday Lunch 12 to 2 p.m.
Tuesday Special liver day, regular menu also.
Friday 12 to 2 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m., Fish, Chicken Wings, Fries and Onion Rings.
Daily events:
Monday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Haliburton Highlands Rug Hookers. (every two weeks)
Tuesday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Senior art group. 1 to 4 p.m., Bid Euchre,
Wednesday 12 - Meat Draws, 4 butcher quality meats for $1 a ticket. 1 to 4 p.m., Ladies Darts, 5 to 7 p.m. Calorie Counters.
Thursday 7 p.m. Darts. 7 p.m. Euchre
Friday Every second week, Karaoke with Fred and Linda, 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.
Saturday Special Lunch every week with meat Draw at 1 p.m.
Sunday Sports Day 12 to 4:30 p.m.

Branch 624, Wilberforce

Friday Free Pool 1:30 p.m.
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Sunday Open 1 to 6 p.m.
Monday Bid Euchre 7 p.m.
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Wednesdays: Bid Euchre 1 p.m. start
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Thursdays: General Meeting third Thursday of the month, Mar throught Dec., starting at 7 p.m. All members urged to attend.
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Friday fun darts - 4:30 p.m. onwards
Saturdays: 50/50 Draw 4 p.m. draw, Tickets are $1 each from noon onwards
Sundays: Breakfast Second Sunday of the month – 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. $6 per person.
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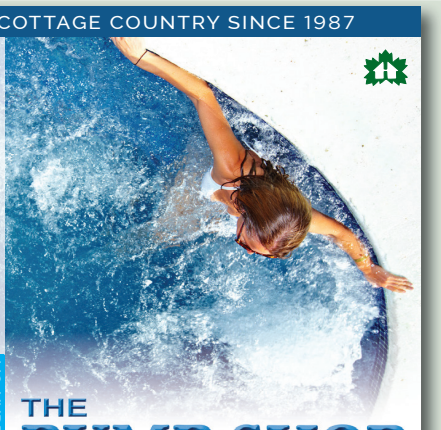
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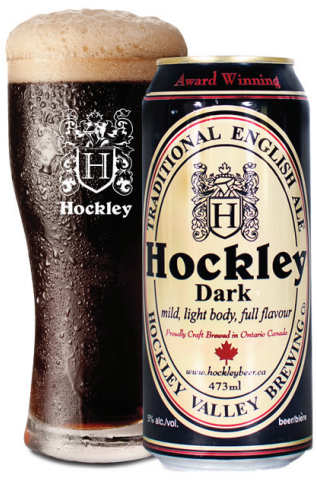

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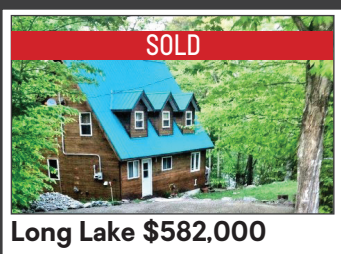

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- 3 bdrms, 2 bath, partial finished w/o basement
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- Commercial waterfront
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- Town sewers, drilled well

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Haliburton Village $399,900
- 4-bedroom, 2 bath renovated home
- Situated on a quiet street, backs onto a pond & forest
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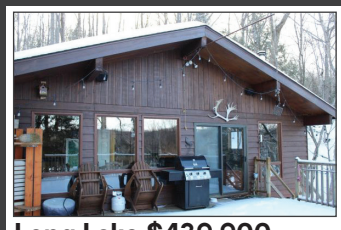

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Long Lake $439,900
- 3BR Viceroy-style cottage, Newer septic & winter water system
- 2-lake chain with Miskwabi Lake for miles of boating
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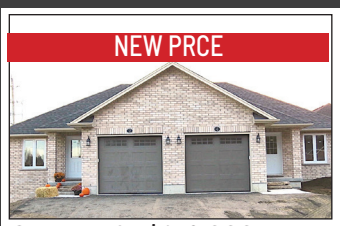

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- Low maintenance lot on town water & sewers
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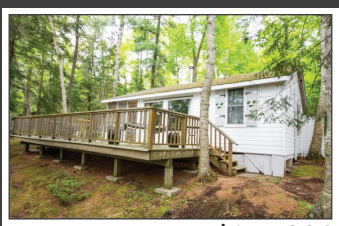
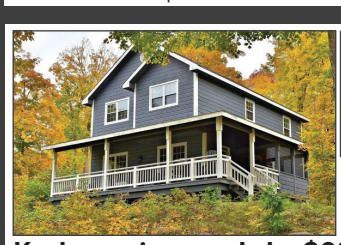
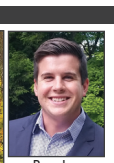


David Lee*
286-2138 x 27

Haliburton Lake $374,900
- Tidy classic 3 bdrm cottage, South West Exp
- Sand shoreline & deep water of the dock
- Beautiful deck area at the lake!



Brandon Nimigon*
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Kashagawigamog Lake $62,000
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- Fixed week, 2nd week of July, & 4 rotating weeks
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East Moore Lake $875,000
- 3 lake chain, south exposure, sand shoreline
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- Cottage 2 is 900sf with 2 bedrooms, 1 bath

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Redstone Lake $734,900
- Beautiful 3-bedroom, 2 bath home or cottage
- Large windows & deck overlooking the lake
- Southern Exposure, sand beach on Redstone Lake

Darlene Reil*
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Monck Lake $399,900
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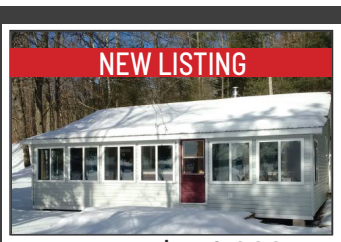
- Steps from Sir Sam's ski hill
- Easy access

Greg Stamp*
457-2128 x 28

Hunter Creek Estates $129,000
- Recently renovated home with 3 bedrooms
- New flooring, freshly painted, new electric furnace
- Located on a large comer lot, minutes to Minden



Melanie Vigrass*
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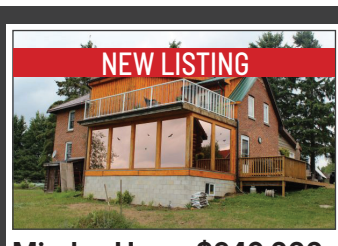
Maple Lake $449,000
- Completely Renovated 3 Bdrm Home/Cottage
- Cathedral Ceilings, Pine Accents
- Certified Wood Stove
- Southern Exposure, Sand Beach



Lindsay Wilkinson
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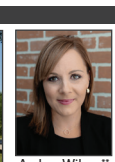
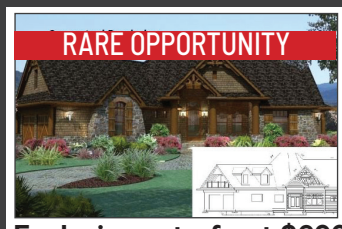
Minden Home $649,000
- Renovated Century Home on 100 acres.
- Large barn, guest log cabin, several outbuildings
- Solar generation provides added income.


Andrea Wilson**
457-2128 x 25

Haliburton Home $599,000
- Stunning house on a 108-acre property
- Private paradise with trails, streams & ponds
- 3000 sq. ft renovated, 3 bedrooms, 3 baths



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Grass fire season is here

Conditions are right for wildfires

by Matthew Sitler

An early-afternoon fire scorched grass and burned brush over a 2-acre hillside expanse in Snowdon Township necessitating an emergency response from the Minden Fire Department last week. Kirkony Farm owner Dave Hollows had been burning grass and brush on his property that morning when things got out of hand. "I know what caused it, but I'd like to keep that part to myself," said Hollows sheepishly as he watched the crew douse his blackened field with water.

Kirkony farm is located on County Road One in Snowdon Township.

Current provincial legislation dictates that from April 1, burning cannot occur more than two hours before sundown or within two hours of sunrise, says Minden Hills Clerk Tammy McKelvey. "You can only burn at night," she stated. People caught burning during the day could face a fine because the Forest Fire Prevention Act (FFPA) is governed by the MNR. "We can lay charges under the FFPA, but at present, people caught burning during the day would face a court date," continued McKelvey.

While a burning by-law is still in effect from before amalgamation, it is in need of an updating - something the Minden Hills Fire Committee is expected to look at in the near future. "We have enforcement mechanisms here," she continued. "I don't know if council wants to establish a set fine where a fire chief can go out and issue a ticket. That has yet to be decided."

Minden Deputy Fire Chief Doug Schell said the cause of the fire was human error.

Tom Prentice Jr. was one of a number of Minden firefighters who responded to a grass fire last week. High winds, lack of rain and dry vegetation provides an ideal mix for run-away grass fires. Property owners are advised to be careful when burning brush. Check with the municipal office for regulations and permit requirements. *(photo by Matt Sitler)*

Business group finds firm footing

by Matthew Sitler

Optimism, tempered with some mild criticism of Minden Hills Council, was on the menu at the Minden Business Association's (MBA) Annual General Meeting Thursday evening, April 19. Some 20 business owners, representing twenty per cent of the original membership, attended the meeting at the Minden Community Centre where they spent the night focusing on business strategies, while suggesting many new ideas and proposals.

It's important that members function within the organization as members should, General Manager Stu Brandon told the gathering. "The participation of everyone will be required if we are to get things moving this year."

Describing the MBA as 'a self-help group which exists to help its members', Brandon added that the previous MBA had sometimes expected its manager to run and establish events single-handedly. He suggested this is something that could not continue.

Following a show of hands, the MBA's 2001 Executive was elected. Dave Willis, of Rockcliffe Tavern, was acclaimed as President and Wayne Henderson (The Storeroom) was named Treasurer. Linda Easton (Vlau-mart) will act as Secretary, and John Graham (Happy Daze Automotive) and Chuck Golden (Golden Stationers) are Directors.

It was decided that April was a good time to hold the organization's annual general meeting.

"In the surveys we have received, most members selected keeping a monthly meeting schedule," Brandon said. "The full survey results will be published in our newsletter." 41 members have rejoined as of the meeting

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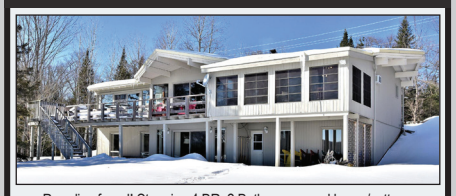

Paradise found! Stunning 4 BR, 2 Bath year-round home/cottage. Walking distance to some amenities. Stone fireplace, Oak cabinetry, large windows and more. Level lot with 625 Ft of frontage. Panoramic view of Grass Lake. Prime location with the perfect price **$699,000**

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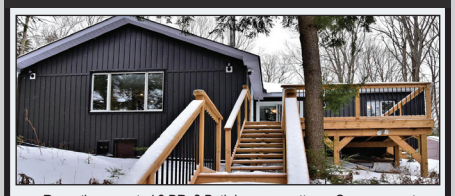

Recently renovated 3 BR, 2 Bath home or cottage. Open concept kitchen/dining/living finished with durable vinyl flooring & wood cabinietry. Beautiful view from new deck. 90 ft frontage, VERY private. N/W exposure. Large shed could be a Bunkie. Turn-key cottage! **$595,000**

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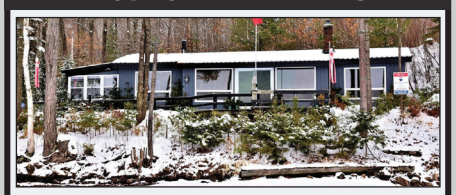

Perfect year-round, turn key family cottage or home. Large lake, private 4 BR, 2 Bath sits at water's edge. Hard sand beach, use of 30 Acre forest across the road. Sunroom, southern view, great rentability, many upgrades & meticulously cared for. **$649,000**

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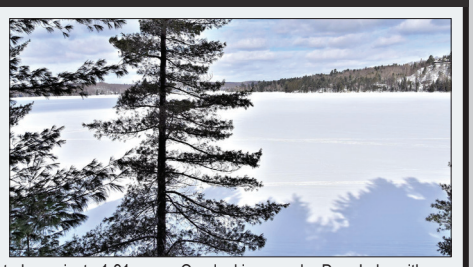
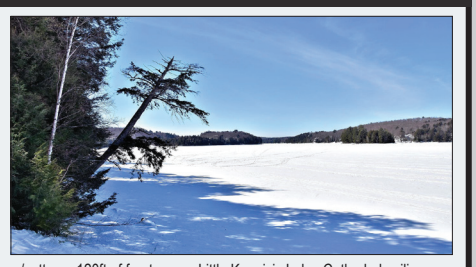


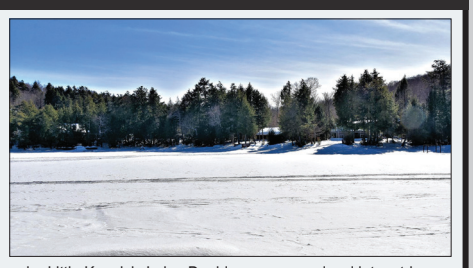
Stunning 3 BR, 3 Bath water front home or cottage perfectly situated on private 1.91 acres. Overlooking popular Drag Lake with 400 feet of frontage. Updated large kitchen, built-in appliances and high-end fixtures. Massive Master BR with covered porch. Attractive home! **$1,475,000**

LITTLE KENNISIS LAKE COTTAGE



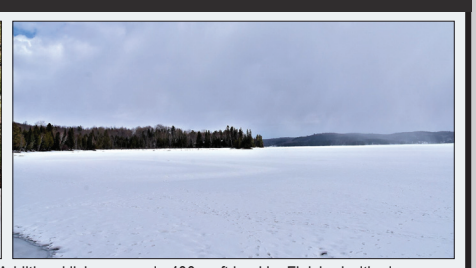
1 acre parcel of land hosts it all. Beautiful 3 BR, 1 Bath four season home/cottage. 120ft of frontage on Little Kennisis Lake. Cathedral ceilings, wood stove and spacious master bedroom. Large garage. New septic in 2018. Low upkeep with big value!
$769,000

LITTLE KENNISIS LAKE



3 BR, 3 bath waterfront home/cottage with 250 ft of frontage on popular Little Kennisis Lake. Double car garage, level lot, outdoor shower. Shallow sand bottom beach and large dock. Master loft with stunning southern views. With loads of upgrades this "turn key" home has everything your family needs. **$1,249,000**

HALIBURTON LAKE COTTAGE



Private 3 season cottage on a level lot. Over-sized dble garage. Additional living space in 400 sq ft bunkie. Finished with pine ceilings and walls throughout. Lrg brick fireplace. Open concept living with w/o to deck. Sand beach with 110 ft of frontage.
$829,000